



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council  
April 11, 2022, 4:00 – 5:30 PM  
Minutes

Present: Professors Borchert, Eyler, Burns, Bonifield, Delaney, Everse, Julianelle, Knodell, Lopez-Vicuna, Paris, Read, White

Absent: Professors Cushman, Gould, Kervick, Prue

Guests: Richard Cate

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The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM on Microsoft Teams

1. **Minutes** of the March 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
2. **Chair's Remarks**
  - a. The report of senate feedback on the Art and Science report was forwarded to the Provost's office. The report included recommendations from the Executive Council.
  - b. Nominations are needed for one at-large member to the Executive Council for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. President Borchert asked members to review the list of senators and consider recruitment from units not currently represented (CNHS, RSENR), and think about diversity.
  - c. The Faculty Senate President traditionally selects two faculty members to serve as Marshals to lead the faculty in the procession at Commencement. If interested, please email Thomas Borchert.
  - d. Thomas Borchert asked for thoughts and guidance on a request from the Provost's Office for information on the process and reporting required to move the administration of Fleming Museum into the College of Arts and Sciences.
3. **CAC Consent Agenda** – Stephen Everse recommended the following items for the CAC Consent Agenda:
  - a) Name Change of Natural Resources major to Sustainability, Ecology and Policy (RSENR)
  - b) New Minor in Integrated Health (CNHS)
  - c) Terminate Certificate in Integrated Health Care (CNHS)
  - d) New Minor in Integrated Health & Wellness Coaching (CNHS)

- e) Terminate Certificate in Integrated Health & Wellness Coaching (CNHS)
- f) New PhD in Counseling & Counseling Supervision (GRAD/CESS)

**Motion:** The consent agenda came moved from the Curricular Affairs Committee. Discussion included concerns about the Name Change of Natural Resources. Stephen Everse and Thomas Borchert noted that they will be prepared if the Name Change is pulled off the consent agenda.

**Vote: 10 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

4. **Contested Deactivation of Physical Education Major (CESS).** Stephen Everse described the process for contested deactivation proposals and the decision of the CAC to approve the request for deactivation of the Physical Education Major. Thomas Borchert noted that the process for contested deactivations allows for the program to prepare a rebuttal to the CAC decision within 30-days. That window will close on May 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition, it was discovered after the CAC vote that there is a concentration in Exercise and Sport Science that relies on the PE program and would also need to be deactivated. The CAC will need to address the deactivation of the concentration before this proposal comes to the Senate for vote.

**Motion:** Cathy Paris moved to defer the Contested Deactivation of Physical Education Major (CESS) until May.

**Vote: 11 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

5. **Proposal to Establish Department of Emergency Medicine (LCOM)**

**Motion:** Stephen Everse moved to accept the report and move the proposal to the Senate for vote. The motion was seconded. There were no questions or comments.

**Vote: 11 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain. The motion carried.**

6. **Senate Census** – As a continuation of the Executive Council’s study of the processes by which faculty representation is determined and allotted within the senate, Chris Burns prepared a document summarizing the Faculty Senate membership at other universities. The key questions and issues for possible consideration are:

- Do Senators directly represent their department (or comparable budgetary unit)?
- Number of faculty members per Senator.
- Should comparable budgetary units be spelled out explicitly somewhere in the bylaws or in a document that the bylaws points to?
- Total number of Senators (some institutions cap this)
- Other members of Senate (administrators, staff, students) – ex officio or voting.
- Tenure-track status for some Senators?
- Years of service requirement?
- At-large members.
- Relationship to college/school (or comparable unit) faculty bodies.

Chris suggested that he would volunteer to work with Laurie Eddy to model some scenarios for the Executive Council to consider.

7. **Budget Discussion – how and where Faculty can effectively advise (discussion with Richard Cate, VP Finance & Administration)**

Thomas Borchert invited Richard Cate, VP Finance & Administration, to talk about how the Faculty Senate can serve as good partners in making decisions about the financial considerations of the university. The Reorganization Working Group put forward recommendations that the faculty become more actively involved in the IBB process to both understand and be part of decision making. The Faculty Senate has a responsibility to advise regarding financial matters of the university, not to make decisions or control the budget. Discussion included the desire for the Senate to have dialogue to inform and advise prior to decisions being made. Richard Cate stated that he is available for engagement with the Senate and suggested that he set a schedule of meetings with the FPPC based on the predictable financial calendar to discuss items ahead of time. Meetings with the Executive Council or the Senate can be scheduled as needed for items that may arise. Discussion also included the suggestion that members of the FPPC be provided a baseline financial literacy, and the benefit of re-establishing the IBB Steering Committee, which was replaced by an Advisory Council comprised of the Deans. Richard Cate will address the Faculty Senate at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The FPPC developed questions for VP Cate to address. Thomas Borchert will share the general topics with the Senate prior to the meeting.

8. **Agenda for P&P Meeting Thursday, April 14, 4:00-4:45 PM, President's Conference Room.**  
Several topics were discussed as options for the agenda. Tom Borchert will put together an agenda for distribution prior to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

9. **Draft Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting Monday, April 25, 4:00 – 5:30 PM**  
Tom Borchert will distribute a revised draft agenda for vote later this week.

10. **New Business –**

- a. Evan Eyler shared the executive summary of a grant application being put forward by Linda Schadler, Dean of CEMS, to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute aimed at achieving parity of outcome for student success in STEM. The Senate ad hoc DEI committee has been asked to provide a letter of support. Evan asked the Executive Council to consider signing a letter of support and will send a poll for a vote.
- b. Cathy Paris suggested that Richard Cate be invited to give an IBB refresher to the Senate next fall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51PM